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SUBJECT: NATO EXERCISE "LOCKED GATE"

REF: A. STATE 022603 (NOTAL)

B. LISBON 553

1. DURING AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S JANUARY 31 CALL ON SYG LUNS TO
DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS, THE SYG RAISED THE SUBJECT OF PORTUGAL
AND EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN WITH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
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THERE. BRUCE DREW ON REF A TO INDICATE WASHINGTON'S SERIOUS
CONCERN WITH THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND TO
INFORM LUNS OF THE REPRESENTATIONS WE ARE MAKING AT VARIOUS
CAPITALS IN EUROPE. BRUCE EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. REALIZES

THERE IS NO ROLE FOR NATO AT THIS TIME, BUT LUNS AS SYG
WOULD WANT TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING.

2. LUNS THEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF EXERCISE " LOCKED GATE"
WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAD HIM SOMEWHAT UPSET. HE SAID IT HAD JUST
COME TO HIS ATTENTION THAT SHORE LEAVE FOR THE CREWS OF THE 35
(SIC) NATO SHIPS INVOLVED HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND THIS, IN
HIS VIEW, MADE THE ENTIRE EXERCISE POINTLESS. HE SAID THE
GOOD WILL POTENTIAL OF THE VISIT WOULD THUS BE LOST AND THE
ALLIANCE WOULD BE LEFT WITH ONLY THE POLITICAL DISADVANTAGES
FOLLOWING FROM THE UNFORTUNATE TIMING OF THIS EXERCISE SCH-
EDULED OVER A YEAR AGO. IN FACT, LUNS SAID, HE DIDN'T THINK
THERE WAS A SINGLE PERSON IN PORTUGAL WHO WOULD BELIEVE
THIS EXERCISE WAS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A HASTILY ORGANIZED
DIRECT ATTEMPT BY NATO TO INTERFERE IN PORTUGUESE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS. HE SAID HE WILL RAISE THIS MATTER WITH THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

3. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON ANY POINTS DEP-
ARTMENT MIGHT WISH AMBASSADOR BRUCE TO MAKE WHEN THIS SUBJECT
IS DISCUSSED ON FEBRUARY 4.

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